

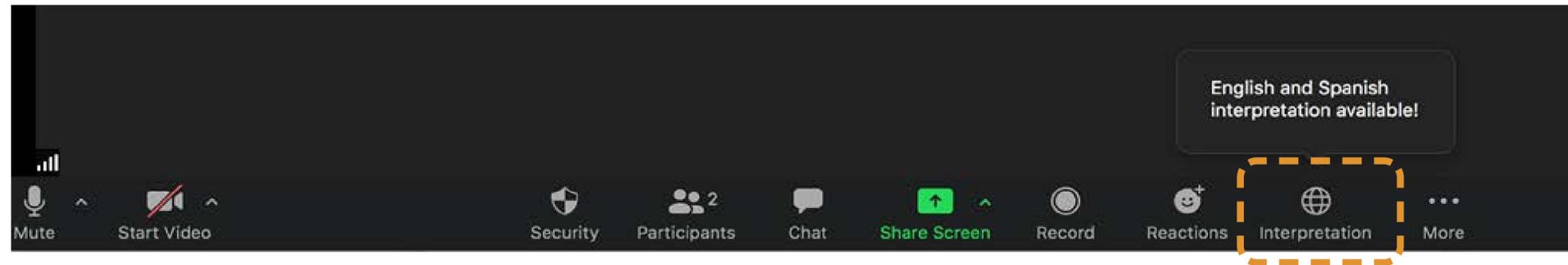
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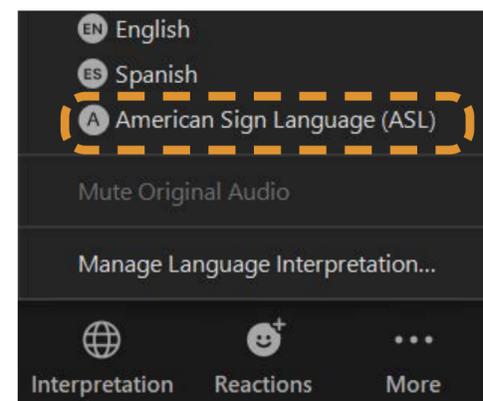
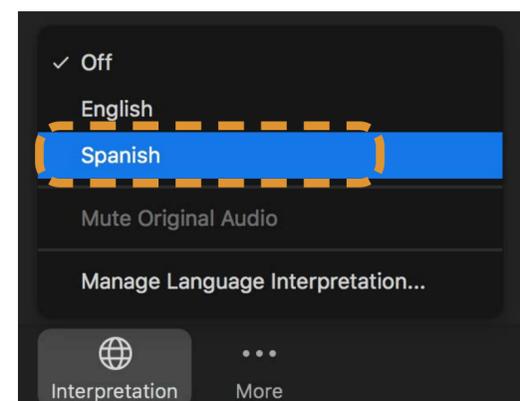
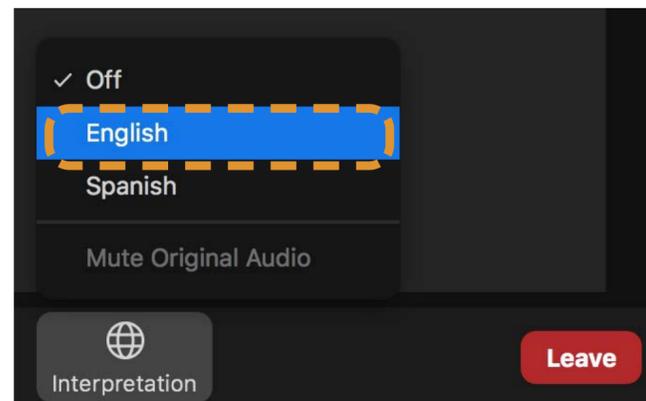
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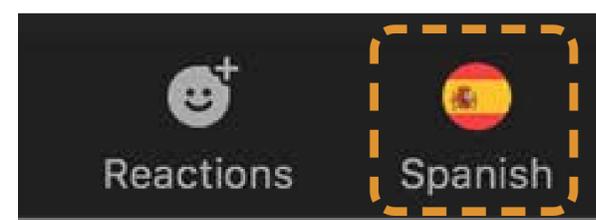
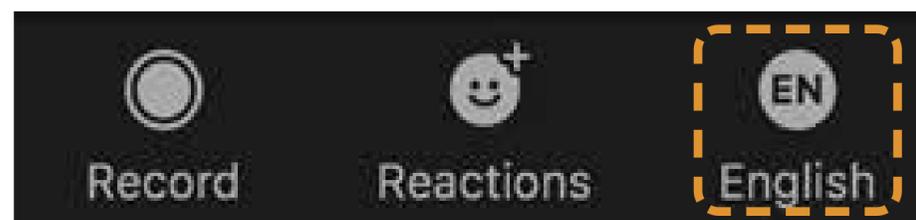
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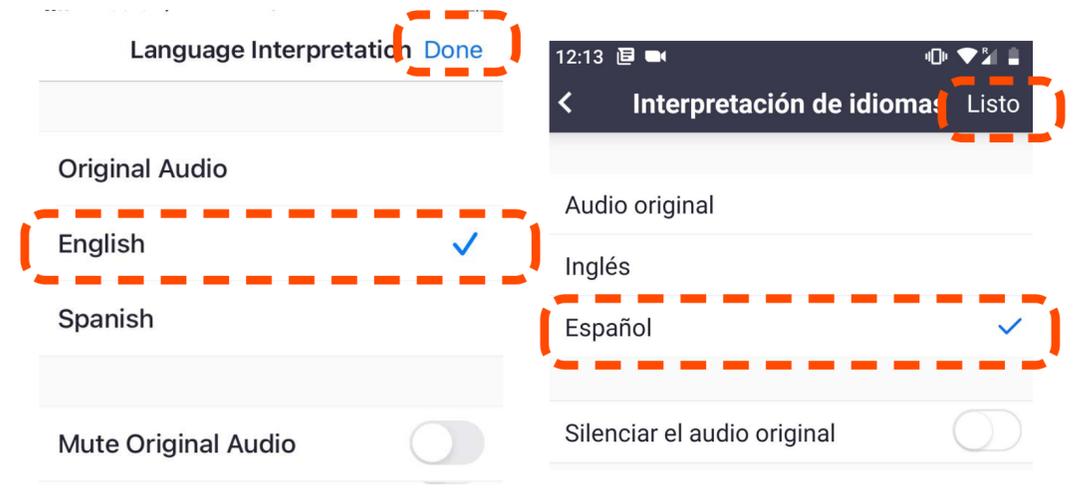
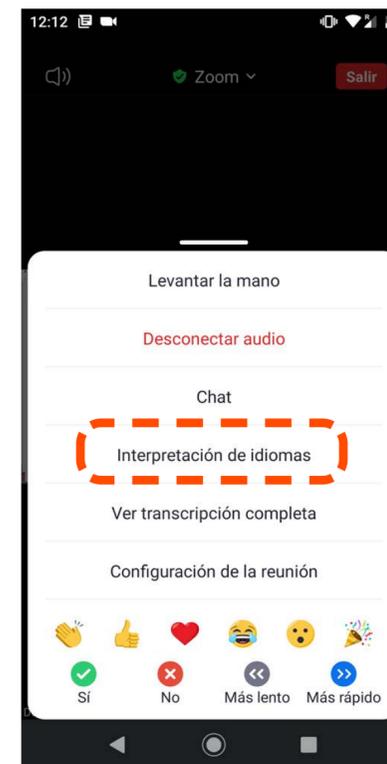
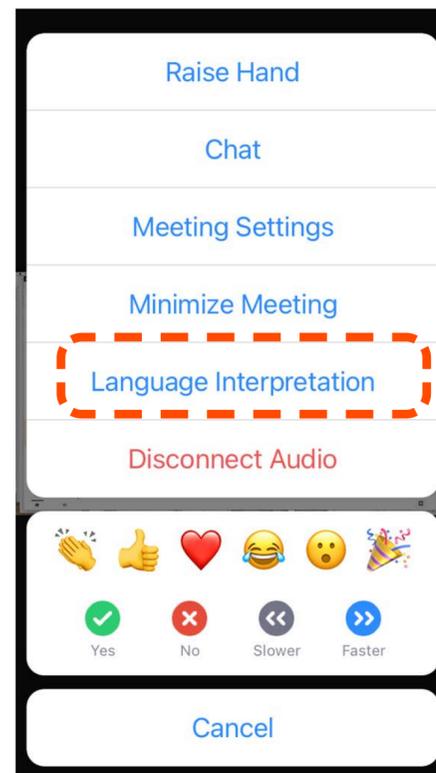
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Elige tu idioma de preferencia



- 3 You are set!
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ACCESSING INTERPRETATION FROM PHONE/TABLET

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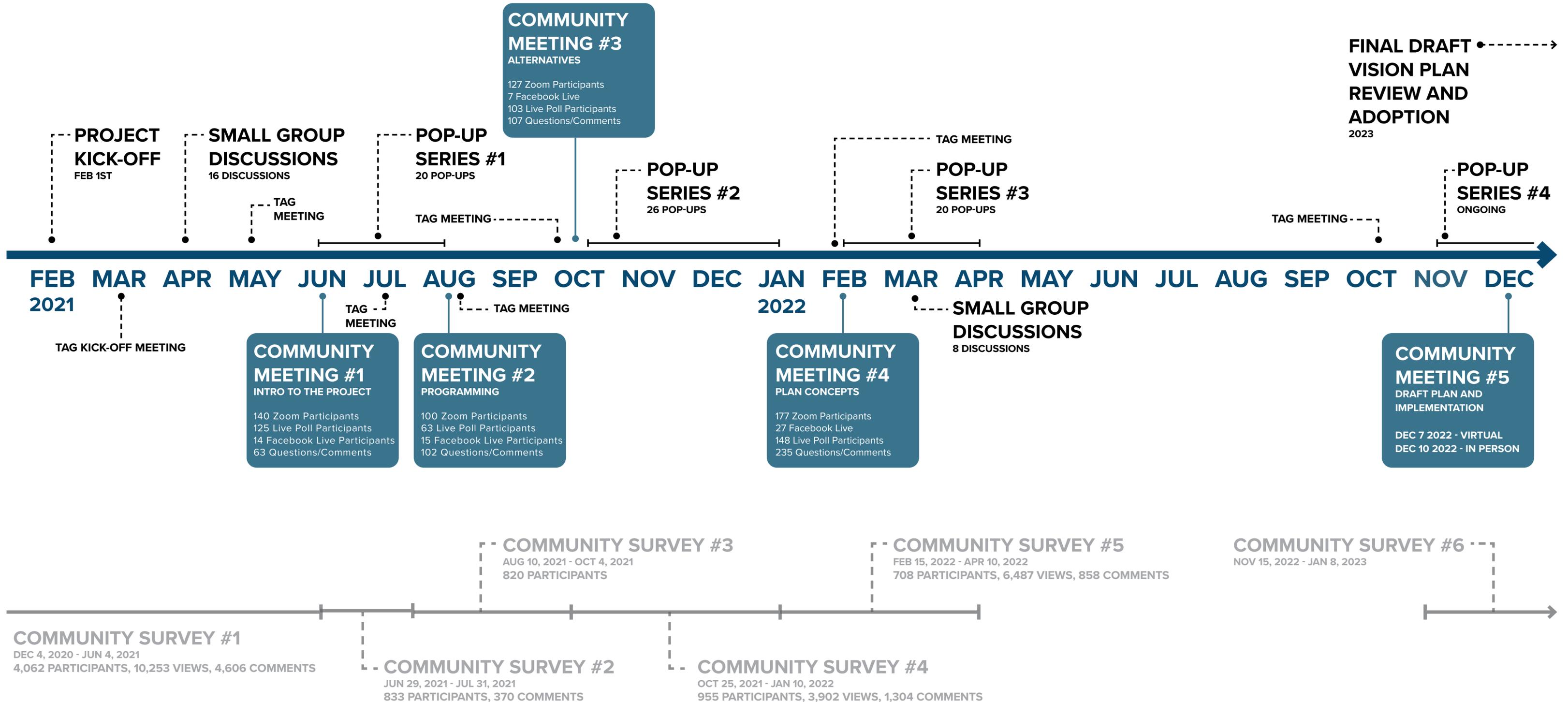
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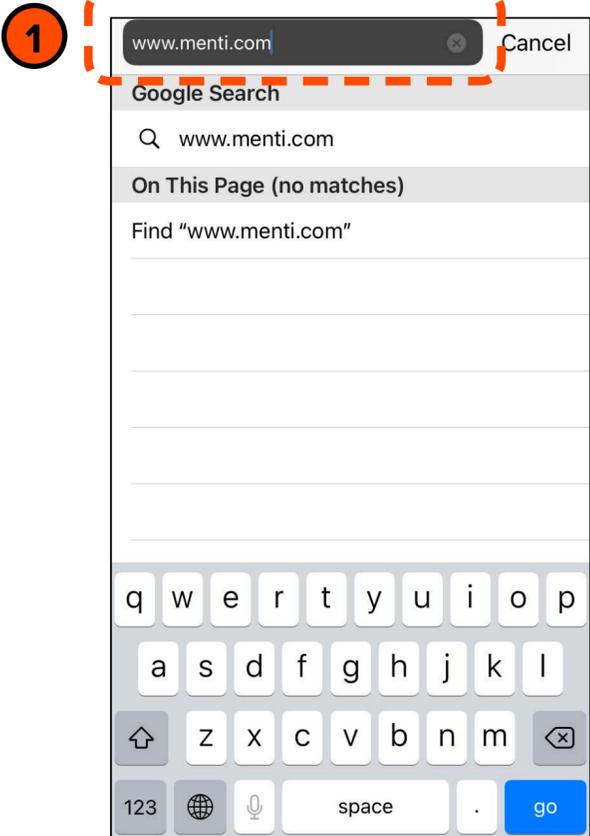
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ZILKER PARK VISION PLAN

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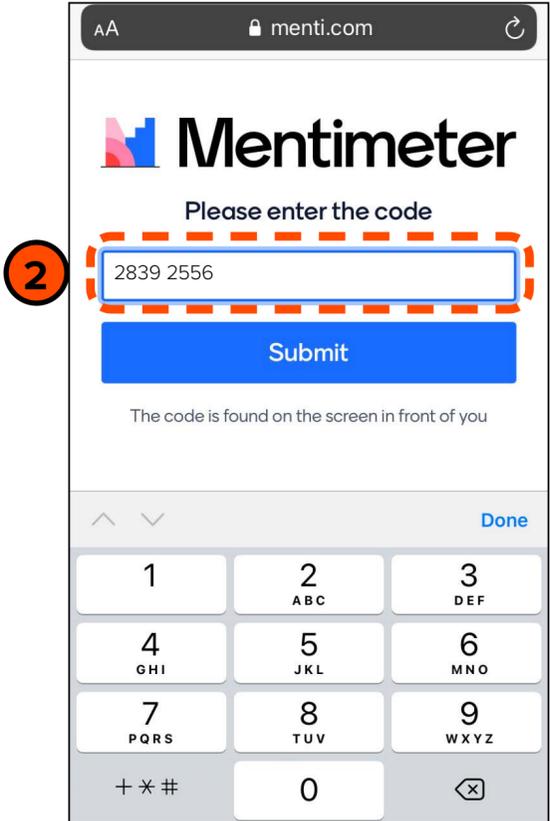


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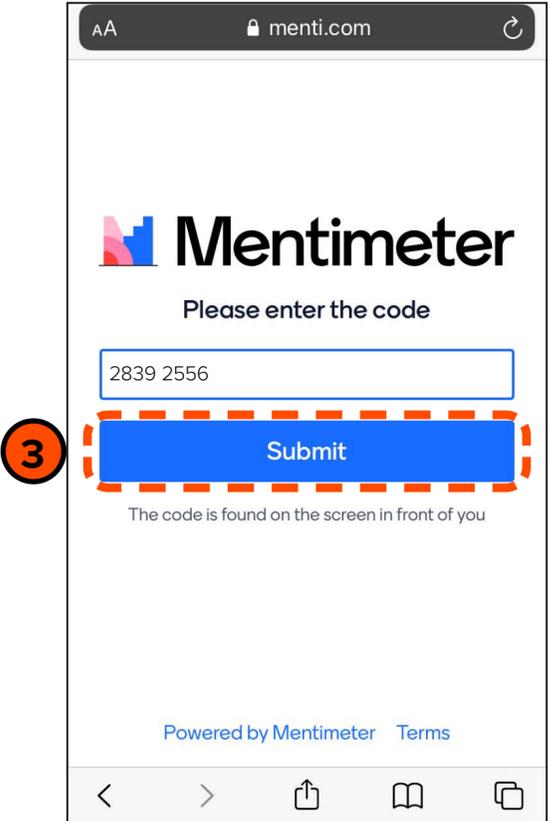
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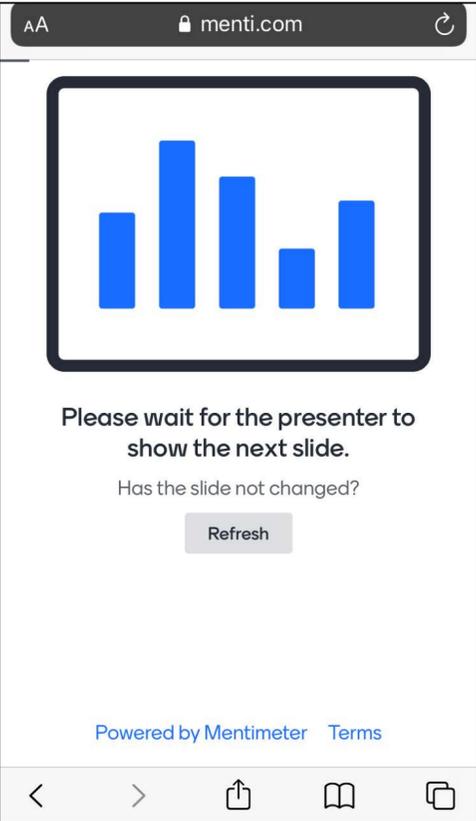


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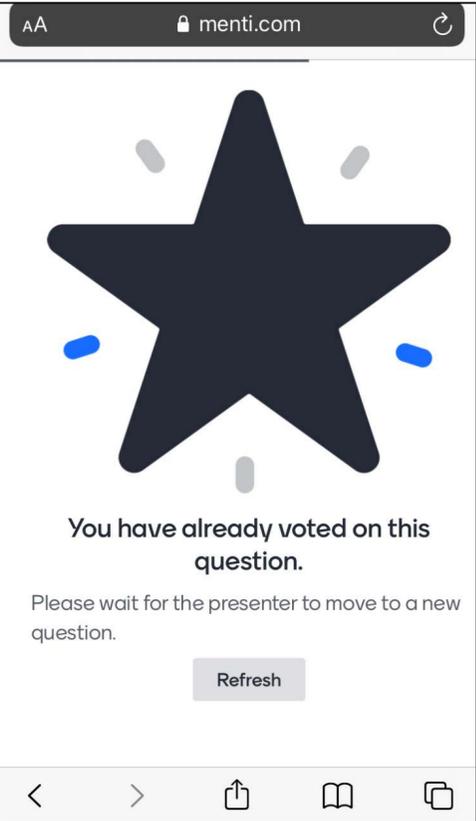
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PROJECT VIDEO

MENTIMETER

PROJECT VIDEO

YOUTUBE

BREAKOUT ROOMS

25 MIN

**Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
History and Culture**



Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion History and Culture

25 MIN

Accessibility and Mobility

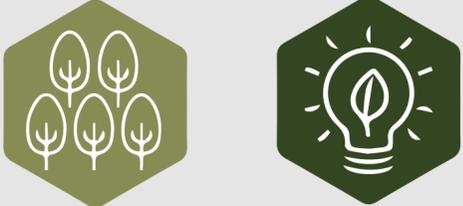


Accessibility

Presentation
Questions / Answers

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Nature and Ecology



Nature and Ecology Sustainability

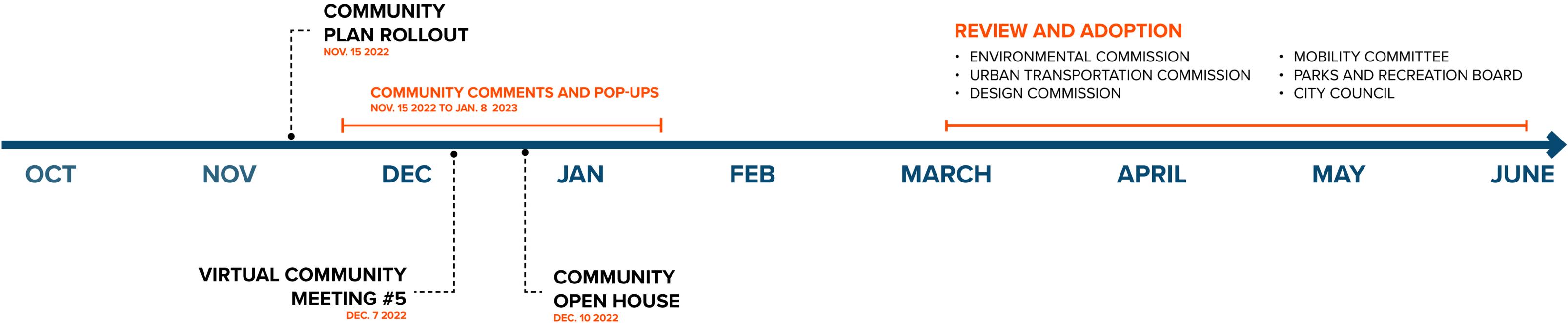
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Finance and Implementation



Sustainability

NEXT STEPS



THANK YOU

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• **Zilker Metropolitan Park Vision Plan Website**

<https://www.austintexas.gov/ZilkerVision>



NATURE & ECOLOGY

A sepia-toned photograph of a river scene. In the foreground, there are large, dark rocks and some foliage. The river is filled with people swimming and wading. In the background, a bridge with a metal railing spans across the river. The bridge has graffiti on its underside. The surrounding area is lush with trees and vegetation. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND GOALS



Sustainability



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Nature and Ecology

- The Plan should treat the Park as an ecological treasure.
- The plan should recognize the park's relation to water and explore opportunities for interaction with the lake without compromising environmental integrity.

- 1** Protect, enhance, and restore land and waterscape elements that are imperative for ecological function.
- 2** Establish an interpretive program to educate visitors, especially for the youth about the park's sensitive features. Public stewardship should be developed as part of the interpretive program.
- 3** The Plan should champion best practices in green design, planning and land management.

- 4** Ensure safe and sustainable access to the water including entry to Lady Bird Lake and protection of Barton Creek.
- 5** The Plan should protect Zilker's natural resources for generations to come.
- 6** Support and rehabilitate native plants and species.



ECOLOGICAL UPLIFT

THE UPLIFT DEFINITION

- INCREASE BIODIVERSITY
- IMPROVE ECOSYSTEM FUNCTION
- EXPAND CRITTER HABITATS
- ENHANCE CONNECTION BETWEEN HUMANS AND NATURE
- INCREASE LANDSCAPE RESILIENCY TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND SEVERE WEATHER EVENTS



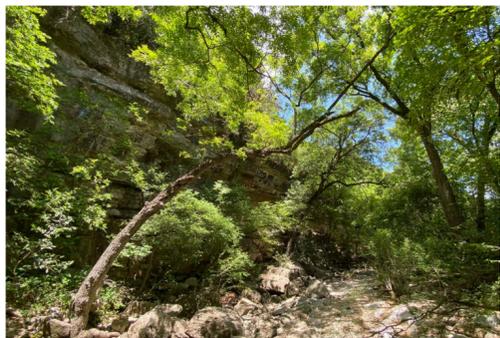
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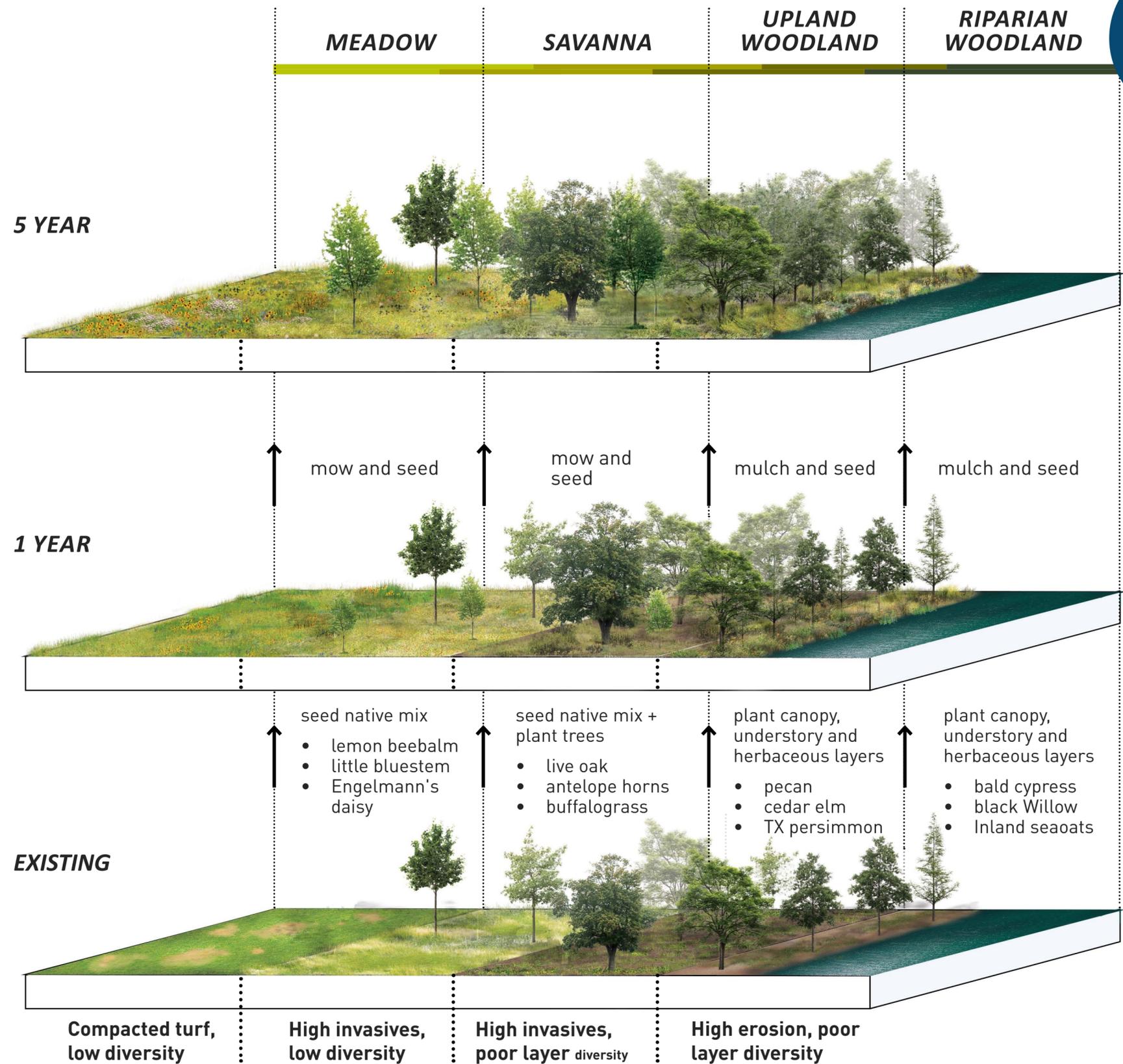
MEADOW



UPLAND WOODLAND



RIPARIAN WOODLAND



ECOLOGICAL UPLIFT

THE UPLIFT IN ZILKER PARK

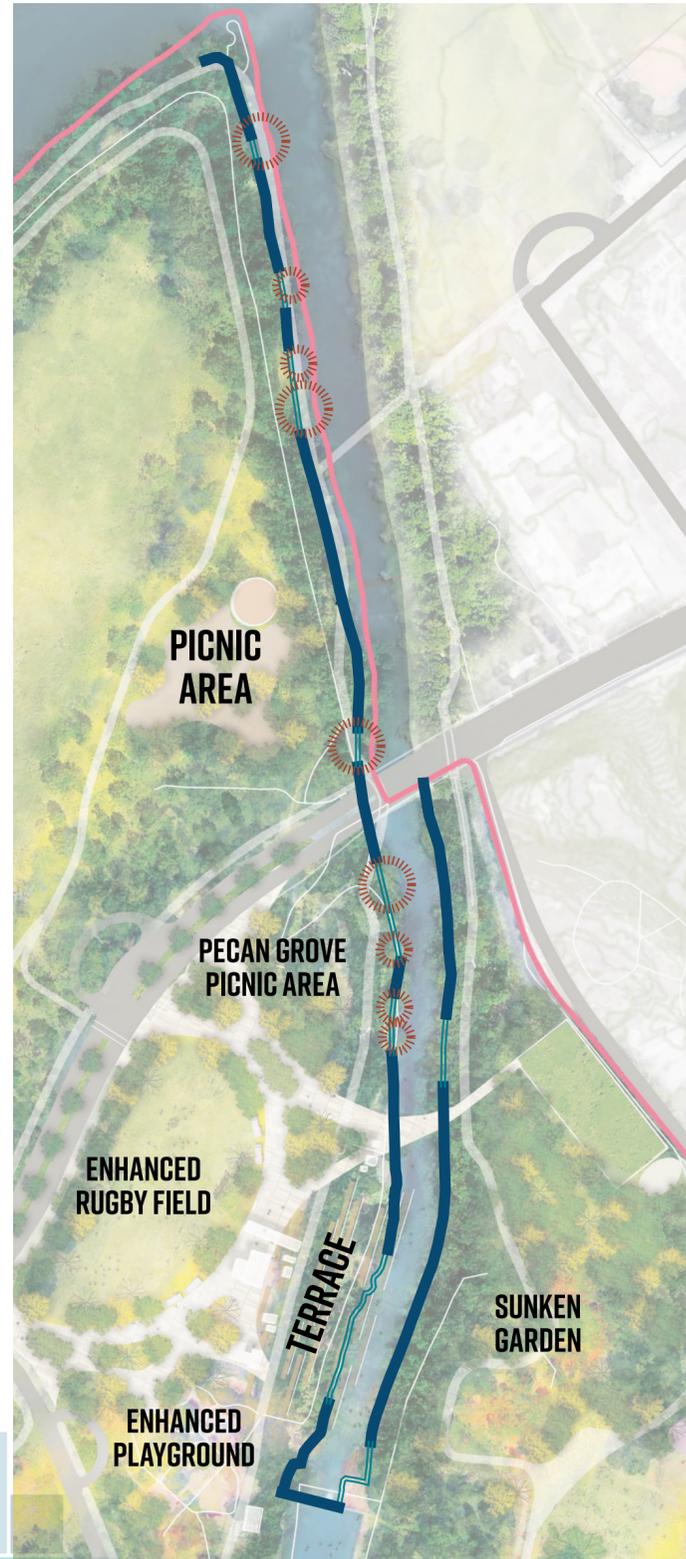


	EXISTING	PROPOSED	
Total Natural Area	166 Acres	256 Acres	+90 Acres
Upland Woodland	96 Acres	114 Acres	+18 Acres
Riparian Wetland	69.6 Acres	82.6 Acres	+13 Acres
Meadow/Savanna	-	47 Acres	+47 Acres
Canopy Enhancement	-	10 Acres	+10 Acres
Green Stormwater	-	2 Acres	+2 Acres
Impervious Cover	36 Acres	28 Acres	-8 Acres



ECOLOGICAL UPLIFT

THE UPLIFT ALONG BARTON CREEK



-  Restored Edges
-  Potential Access Points
-  Small Access Points (15')
-  Large Access Points (30')

EXISTING CONDITIONS LOWER BARTON CREEK



Stormwater Flow
Stormwater flows quickly off of the hillside, along the trail, and eventually to Barton Creek.

Erosion
Severe erosion is occurring, exposing tree roots and making it difficult for plants to propagate on the shoreline.

Unregulated Water Access
Heavy human use accessing the water's edge has caused severe erosion as well as compaction.

PROPOSED CONDITIONS LOWER BARTON CREEK



Enhanced Woodland
Enhanced canopy and understory species will slow down water flow off of the slope and increase habitat for native species.

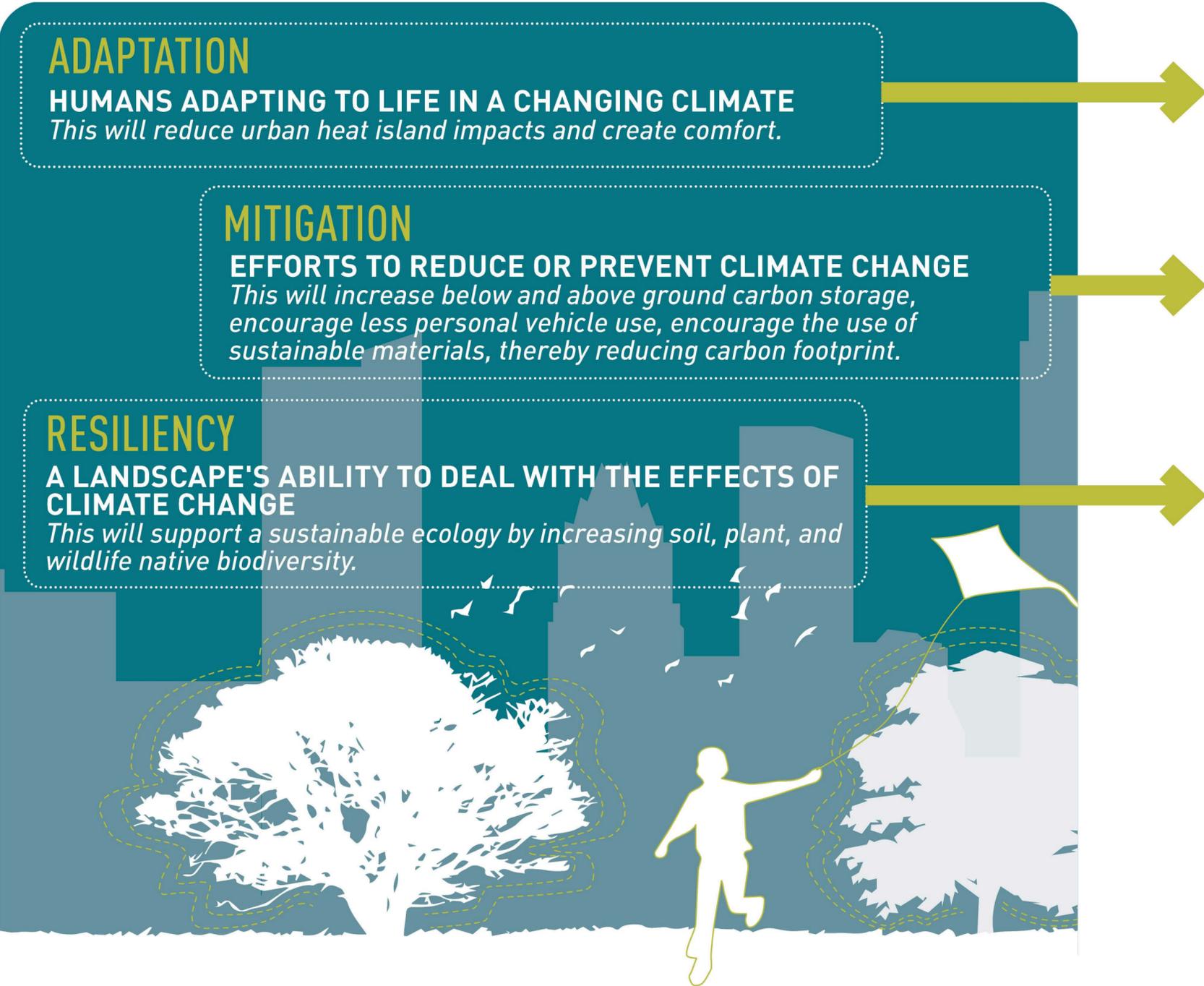
Trail Edge
Cable fences and large rock edges can deter people from exploring off trail.

Drainage Improvements
Established vegetation can slow down water on its way to Barton Creek as well as deter people from short cutting.

Formalized Water Access
By formalizing a trail and space near the water, ecological degradation will be minimized, allowing riparian communities to thrive.

ECOLOGICAL UPLIFT

Climate change is integrated into the vision plan through adaptation, mitigation, and resiliency. The plan is aligned with the Austin Climate Equity Plan as well as the Climate Resilience Action Plan.



ADAPTATION

HUMANS ADAPTING TO LIFE IN A CHANGING CLIMATE

This will reduce urban heat island impacts and create comfort.

MITIGATION

EFFORTS TO REDUCE OR PREVENT CLIMATE CHANGE

This will increase below and above ground carbon storage, encourage less personal vehicle use, encourage the use of sustainable materials, thereby reducing carbon footprint.

RESILIENCY

A LANDSCAPE'S ABILITY TO DEAL WITH THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

This will support a sustainable ecology by increasing soil, plant, and wildlife native biodiversity.

HOW ARE WE DOING THIS AT ZILKER?

- **68 acres** of canopy enhancement and woodland restoration
- **2 to 13 acres** of Green Stormwater Infrastructure
- **Minus 8 acres** of Impervious Cover
- **256 acres** of park focussed on ecological health
- Structures must achieve **green building rating.**
- **SITES certification** at Site Plan level
- **78 acres** of restored native plant communities
- **10 additional acres** of canopy enhancement
- Reduced impacts through **reduced impervious cover.**
- Reduced impacts by **reducing car use throughout park.**
- Increase native soil and plant biodiversity. There are currently **370 plant species** found on site.
- Utilize stormwater as a resource to **increase water availability.**
- Increase soil health to reduce water needs and **increase environmental health.**
- Use diversity of native plants to allow for **genetic diversity** to increase likelihood of withstanding changing climate.

- RESULTS:**
- ✓ **REDUCED CARBON DIOXIDE IN ATMOSPHERE**
 - ✓ **INCREASED PHOTOSYNTHESIS**
 - ✓ **INCREASED CARBON STORAGE IN BIOMASS**
 - ✓ **BETTER PLACES FOR HUMANS TO ENJOY**
 - ✓ **MORE RESILIENT HABITATS FOR NATIVE PLANTS AND ANIMALS**

ECOLOGICAL UPLIFT

THE UPLIFT AND SUSTAINABILITY



SUSTAINABLE GUIDELINES FOR LANDSCAPES

- Like LEED (sustainable building guidelines)

GOALS

- Create Regenerative Systems and Foster Resiliency
- Ensure Future Resource Supply and Mitigate Climate Change
- Enhance Human Well-Being and Strengthen Community
- Transform the Market Through the Design, Development and Maintenance Practices

EVALUATED ON:

- ✓ SITE CONTEXT
- ✓ ASSESSMENT + PLANNING
- ✓ SITE DESIGN – WATER, SOIL + VEGETATION, MATERIALS SELECTION
- ✓ HUMAN HEALTH + WELL-BEING
- ✓ CONSTRUCTION
- ✓ OPERATIONS + MAINTENANCE
- ✓ EDUCATION + PERFORMANCE MONITORING
- ✓ INNOVATION OR EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE

IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, NEW FACILITIES SHOULD ACHIEVE MINIMUM GREEN BUILDING RATING PROGRAM CERTIFICATIONS



Dell Medical, UT Campus, Austin, TX



Kingsbury Commons, Pease Park, Austin, TX

OVERALL PLAN





EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION/ HISTORY & CULTURE

GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND GOALS



Sustainability



Accessibility



Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion



Nature and Ecology



History and Culture

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

- Zilker Park should serve the entire community of Austin.
- Align programs with community interest.

History and Culture

- The park is a metropolitan park which has a regional draw and focus.
- The Plan should treat the Park's historic and cultural resources as a valued legacy to be celebrated for future generations.

1 Design park elements that are welcoming to individuals and small groups and able to accommodate large groups.

2 Support equitable access, with special focus on: Safety, Accessibility, Events and programs for diverse cultures, Clear circulation, entryways, gateways, and connectivity between facilities within the park.

3 Support new and enhance existing learning opportunities within the park.

4 Sustain the implementation and maintenance of the park and stewardship of the park utilizing volunteers and partner organizations.

1 The Plan should honor and respect the Park's historic and cultural resources and should integrate them into the future life of the park.

2 The Plan should offer a framework that provides a successful balance between historic preservation and current/future needs.

3 The Plan should tell the deeper and complete stories of the people and the history of the park to better enrich the visitor experience and to elevate a sense of public stewardship.

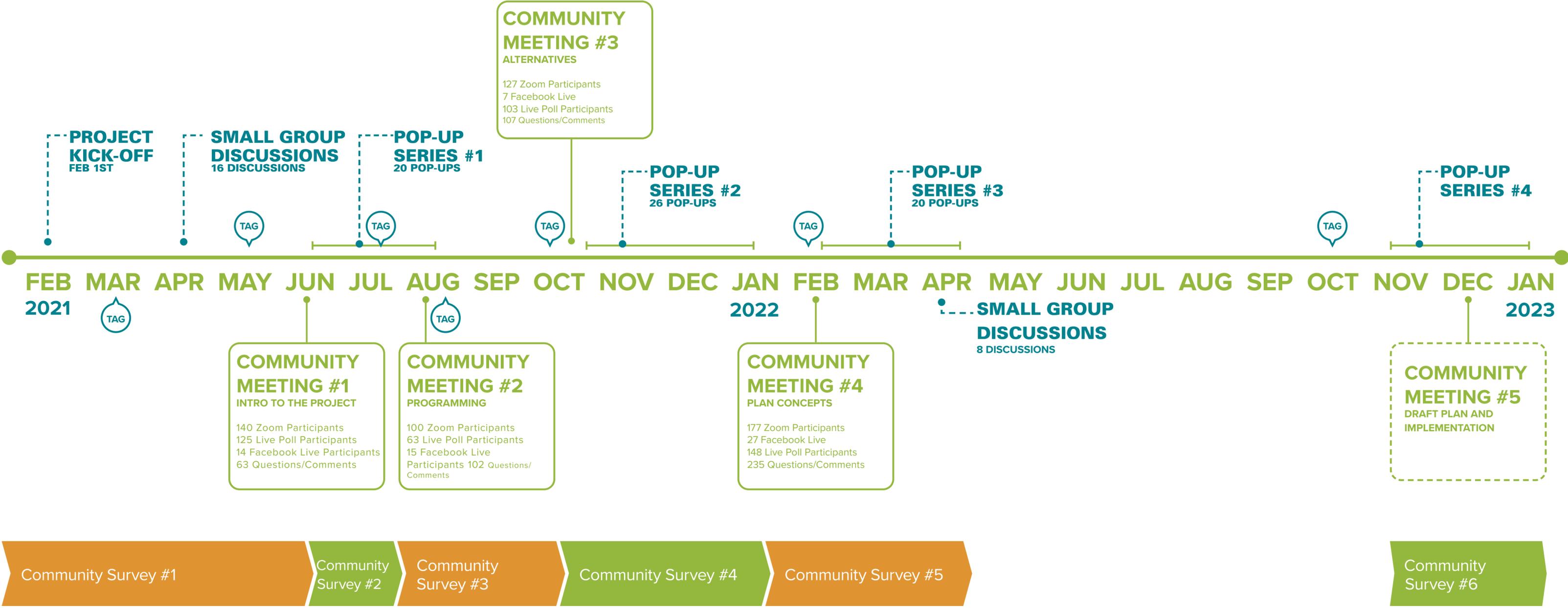
4 The Plan should create opportunities for local artists and art to be a part of park spaces. These opportunities may include music, performance, and temporary exhibits.

5 Celebrate the stories of the people that lived on the land throughout history, including the indigenous people, and bring to light those stories that are not often heard.

6 Establish and integrate education components such as an education center to encourage and convey cultural and historical aspects of the park.



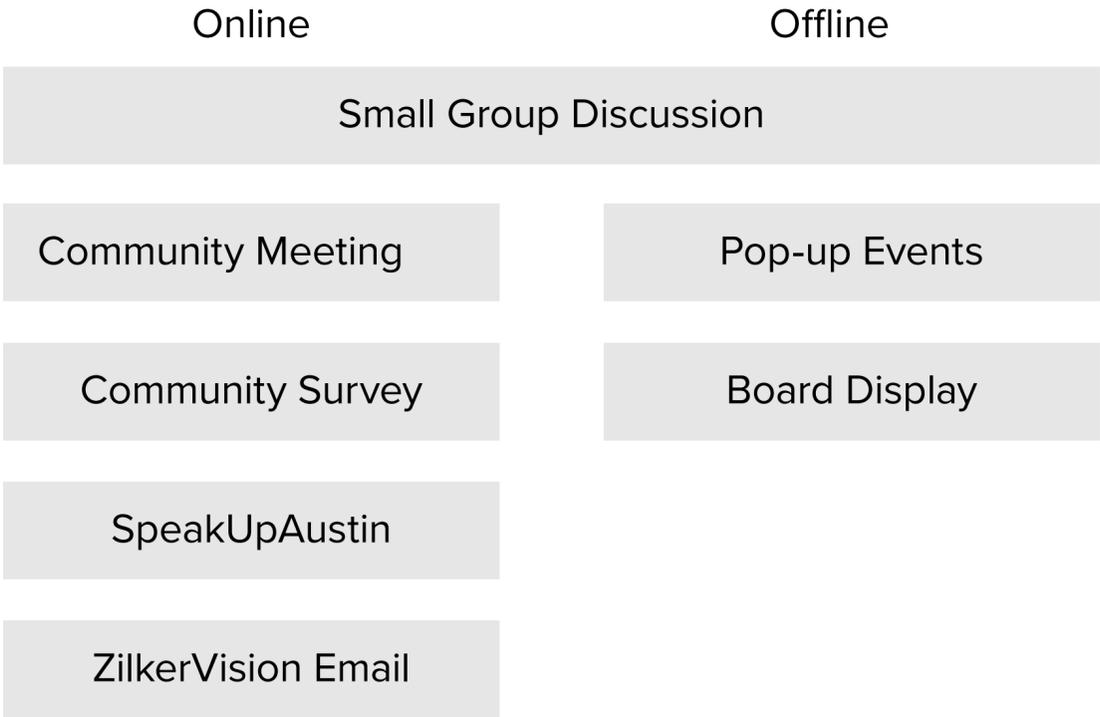
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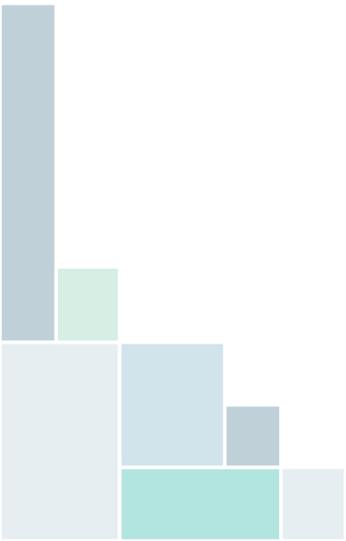
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OUR SOURCES FOR INPUT

Community Engagement



Collaborators



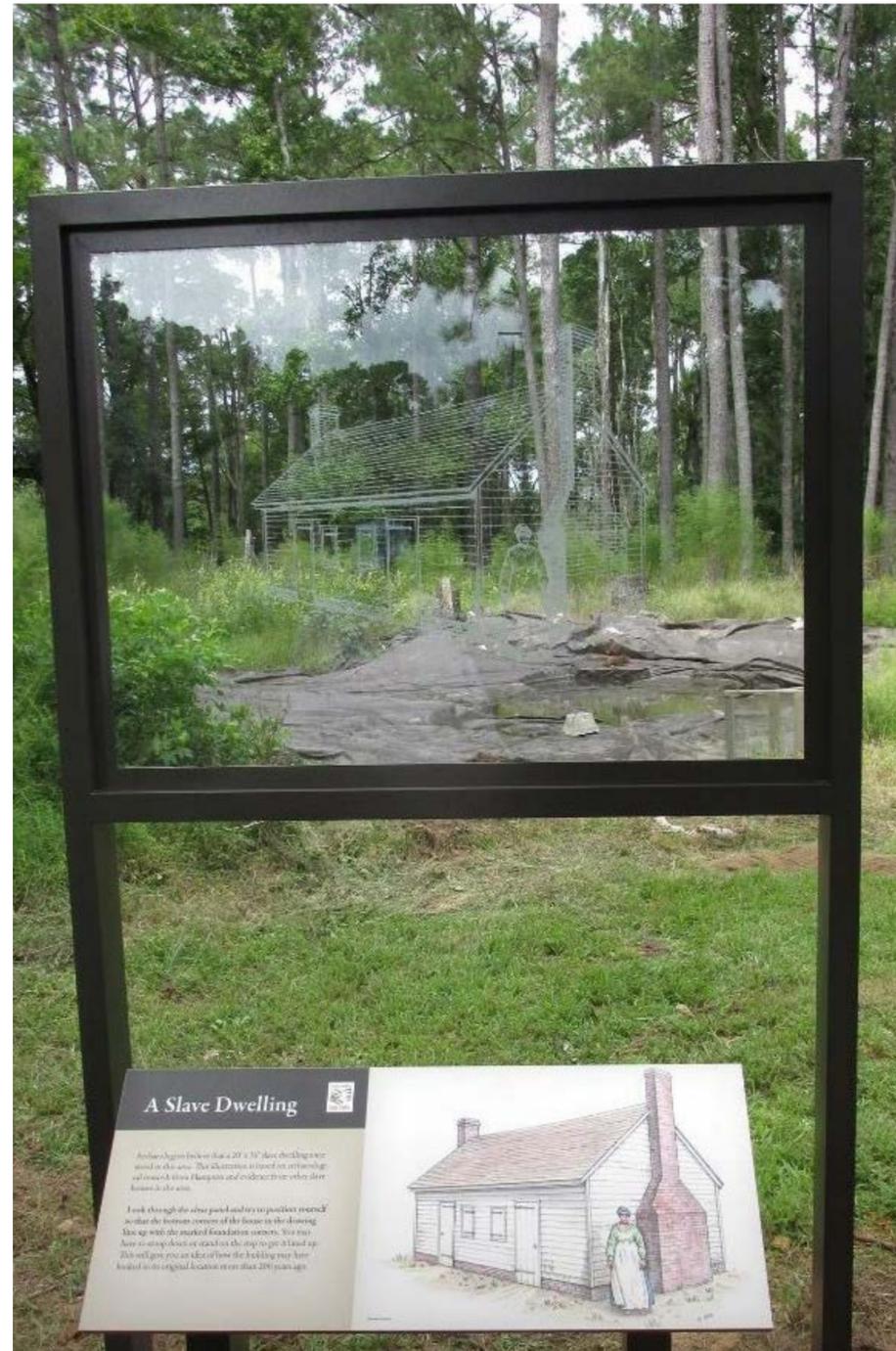
HISTORIC ASSETS IN THE PARK



Programs	Caretakers Cottage	Renovated
	Quonset Hut	Renovated
	Sunken Garden	No Change
	Hillside Theater	Relocated
	Girl Scout Hut	No Change
	Zilker Club House	No Change
	Lookout Point	No Change
	Playgrounds	Existing + 4 New
	Volleyball Courts	Relocated
	Disc Golf	Rearranged
	Baseball Field	Relocated
	Rugby Field	Enhanced
	Informal Parking Lots	Removed
	Andrew Zilker Road	Partially Closed
	Columbus Drive	Partially Closed
	Lou Neff Road	Closed
	All of the contributing resources for National Register of Historic Places will remain.	

- 1 Barton Springs Road Bridge
- 2 Main Entrance
- 3 Zilker Park Club House
- 7 Rock Island
- 17 Mirror Pond
- 24 Trail House
- 28 Skeet Field Concession Comfort Station
- 29 Pistol Range
- 30 Lookout Point
- 32 Picnic Unit
- 34 Zilker Cabin
- 37 Picnic Unit
- 40 Rock Garden
- 42 Lamp Posts
- 43 Bandstand
- 44 Barton Springs Bath House
- 45 Sand Pit
- 48 Barton Springs Pool/Dams
- 53 Caretaker's Lodge
- 54 Maintenance Shop
- 60 Sunken Garden
- 62 Ballfield with Dugouts
- 63 Ballfield with Dugouts
- 64 Footpath System
- 68 Zilker Amphitheater

INTERPRETIVE STORYLINE



Layering Interpretive Signage

Storyline 1: Barton Springs has been a constant, but evolving, destination for humans for at least 10,000 years.

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INTERPRETIVE STORYLINE

BENEFITS OF SHARING INTERPRETIVE STORYLINE



Accessible from a multitude of Viewpoints



Interpretive Signage Located in Gathering Space

1

It illuminates the power of place. Clear educational messages and content inform the public of each site’s historic significance.

2

It does more than provide just dates and facts, but also inspires a feeling of stewardship in site visitors, strengthening awareness of cultural and natural resources.

3

Thoughtful and well designed signage programs demonstrate community pride in local heritage.

4

It provides a high-quality interpretive experience without the requirements of staff or facilities to maintain.

INTERPRETIVE STORYLINE

LOCATION OF INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGES



INTERPRETIVE STORYLINE

DETAILS OF STORYLINES

Storyline 1: Barton Springs has been a constant, but evolving, destination for humans for at least 10,000 years.

- » Indigenous occupation
- » Euro-American settlement and business enterprises
- » Park origins and development between 1917 and 1934.
- » Today as a modern gathering space

Storyline 2: Zilker Park's extant built environment tells part of the story of Austin's settlement, development, and evolving identity.

- » Zilker Park's built environment reveals clues to some aspects of Austin's history
- » Zilker Park by Austinites for Austinites
- » Zilker Park and the New Deal

Storyline 3: Zilker Park has a long history as a contested landscape.

- » White settlement and white supremacy at Barton Springs
- » Exclusion of non-white and lower income citizens
- » Community organizing and activism since the late 1960s

Storyline 4: The ebb and flow of water indelibly shapes the ecology of Zilker Park.

- » Water as it shapes the landscape
- » Springs as habitat

Storyline 5: Zilker Park offers Austinites the opportunity to experience great biodiversity in a relatively small area.

- » Ecotone
- » Biodiversity

OVERALL PLAN



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ACCESSIBILITY & MOBILITY



GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND GOALS



Sustainability



Accessibility



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Nature and Ecology



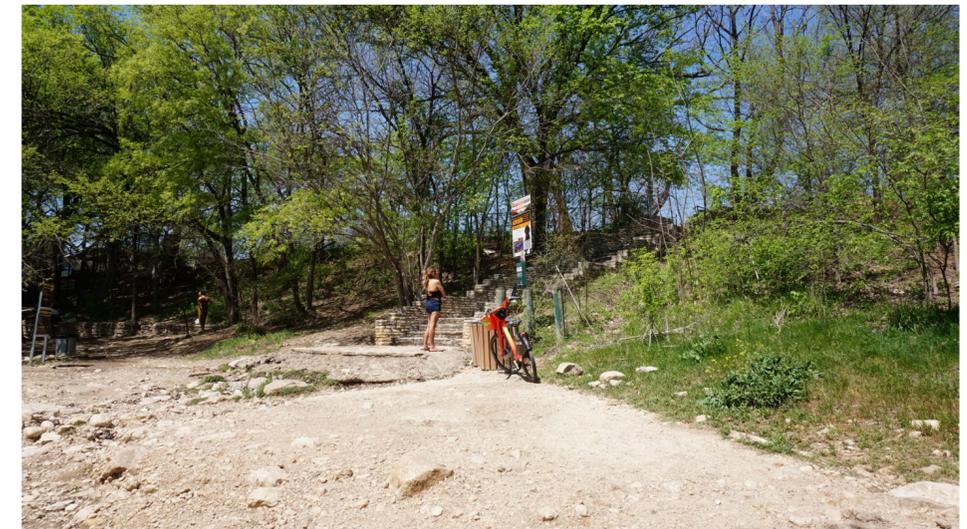
History and Culture



- The plan should knit the segmented pieces of the park together, ensuring a more accessible, safe, and connected park.
- The park should be a place you can reach with multiple travel options.

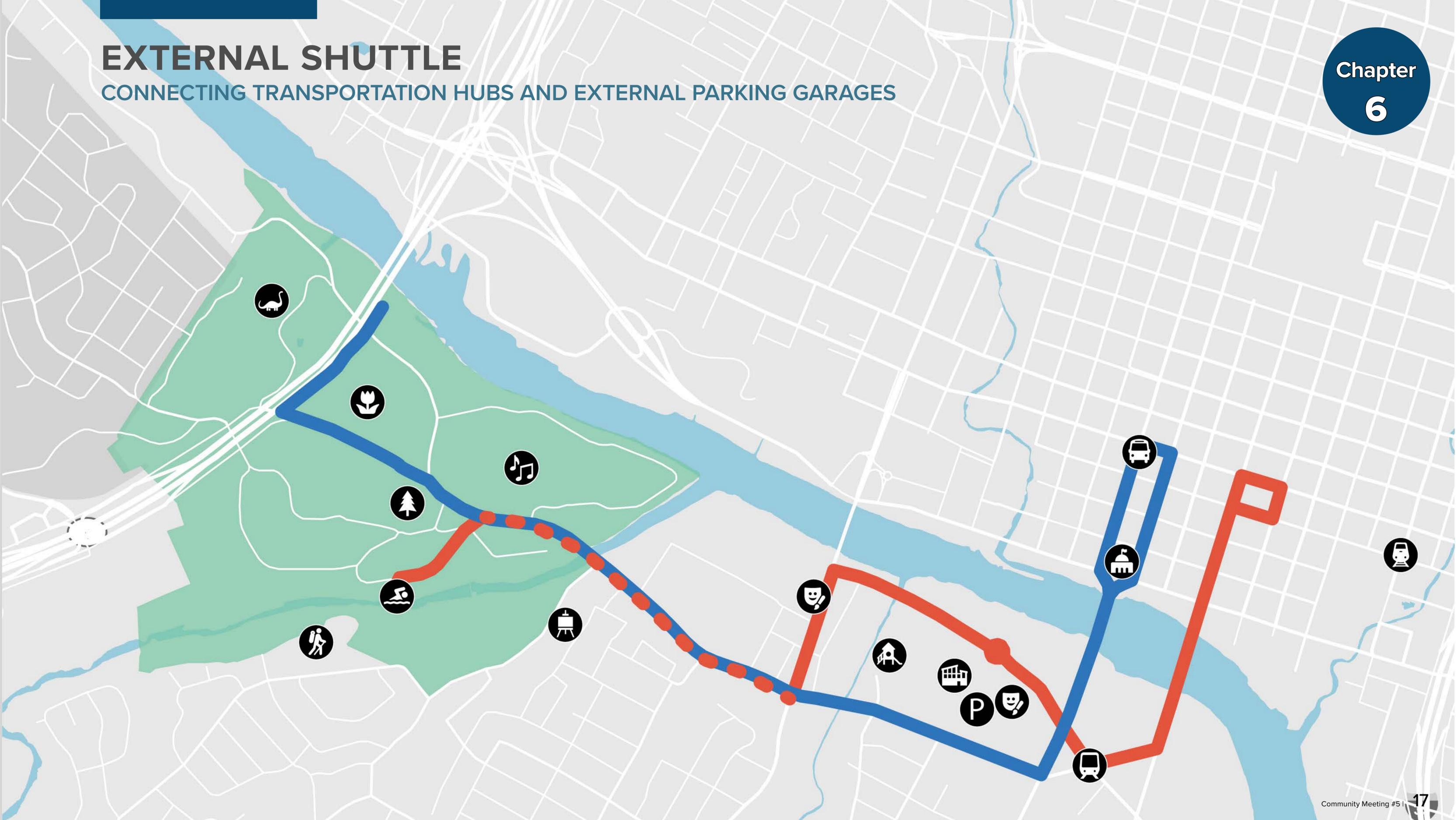
Accessibility

- 1 Ensure there are multiple safe, enjoyable, and convenient modes of transportation to access the park.
- 2 Improve and incentivize non-automobile mode access to, from, and within the park, in support of the City's ambitious mode split and climate goals.
- 3 Improve pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular circulation between the north and south side of Barton Springs Rd. Make travel through the park and to various parts of the park intuitive, safe, and easy by foot, bike, and accessible paths.
- 4 Examine the surrounding trail network to create and extend safe active travel within and through the park.
- 5 Create accessible multi-modal transportation networks within the park.
- 6 Improve the wayfinding to and from different park destinations. Provide clear circulation, entryways, gateways, and connectivity between facilities within the park and throughout the park elements.
- 7 Use transportation assets efficiently, to preserve park space for ecological and recreation systems.
- 8 Collaborate with CapMetro and TxDOT to review, analyze, and recommend the transportation system to and around the park.
- 9 Achieve a high level of ADA accessibility within the park.



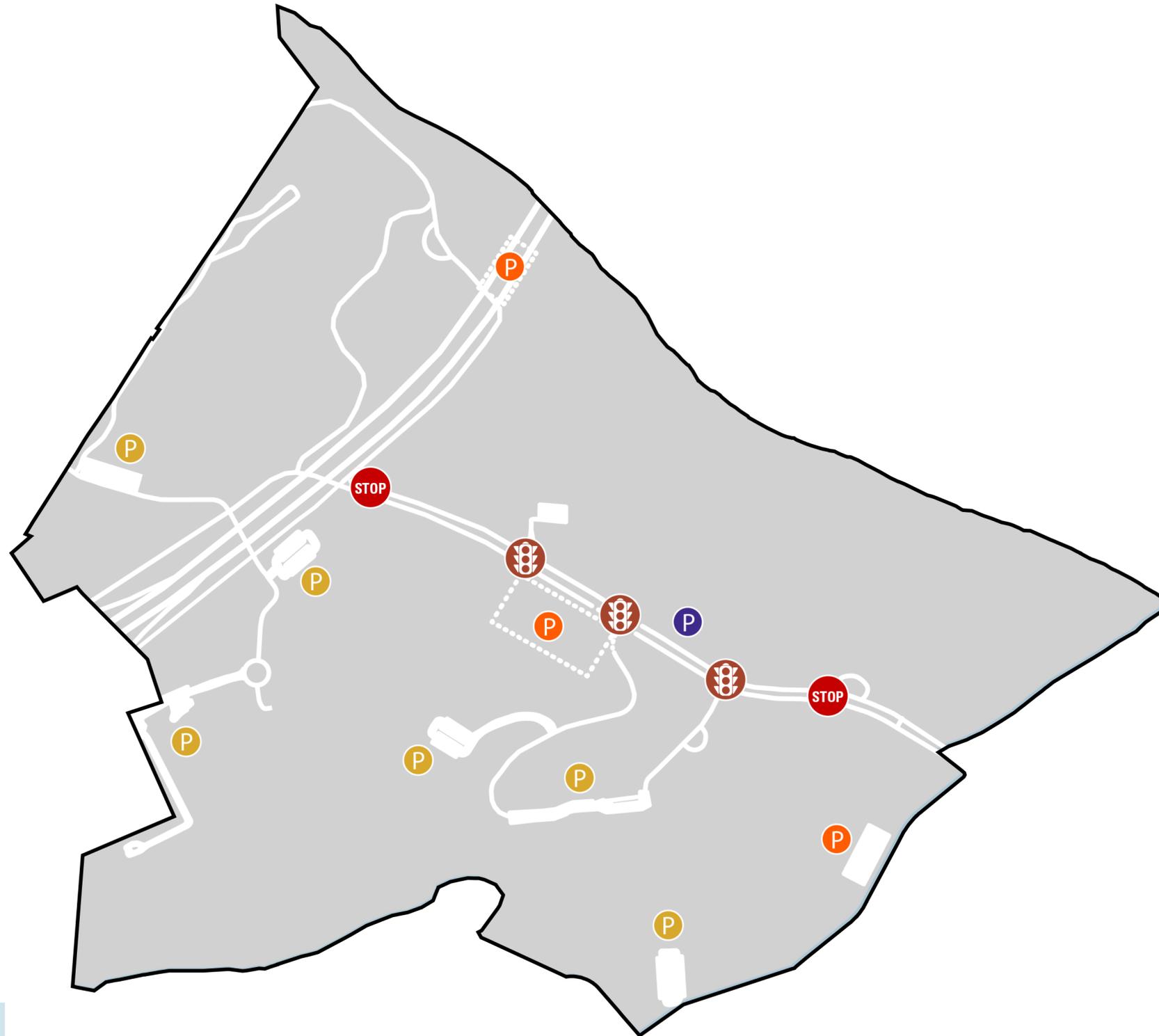
EXTERNAL SHUTTLE

CONNECTING TRANSPORTATION HUBS AND EXTERNAL PARKING GARAGES



ACCESSIBILITY AND MOBILITY

VEHICULAR CIRCULATION



	EXISTING	PROPOSED
Parking	2,450 Spaces	2,479 Spaces
Formal Parking	1,300 Spaces	2,479 Spaces
Informal Parking	1,150 Spaces	0 Spaces
Impervious Cover	36 Acres	28 Acres
Roads	20.9 Acres	19.9 Acres
Parking Lots	12.52 Acres	4.3 Acres
Programs	2.5 Acres	10.87 Acres

-  Traffic Light
-  Parking Garage
-  Vehicular Stop Sign
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-  Surface Parking
-  Internal Shuttle Shop
-  Zilker Eagle Stop

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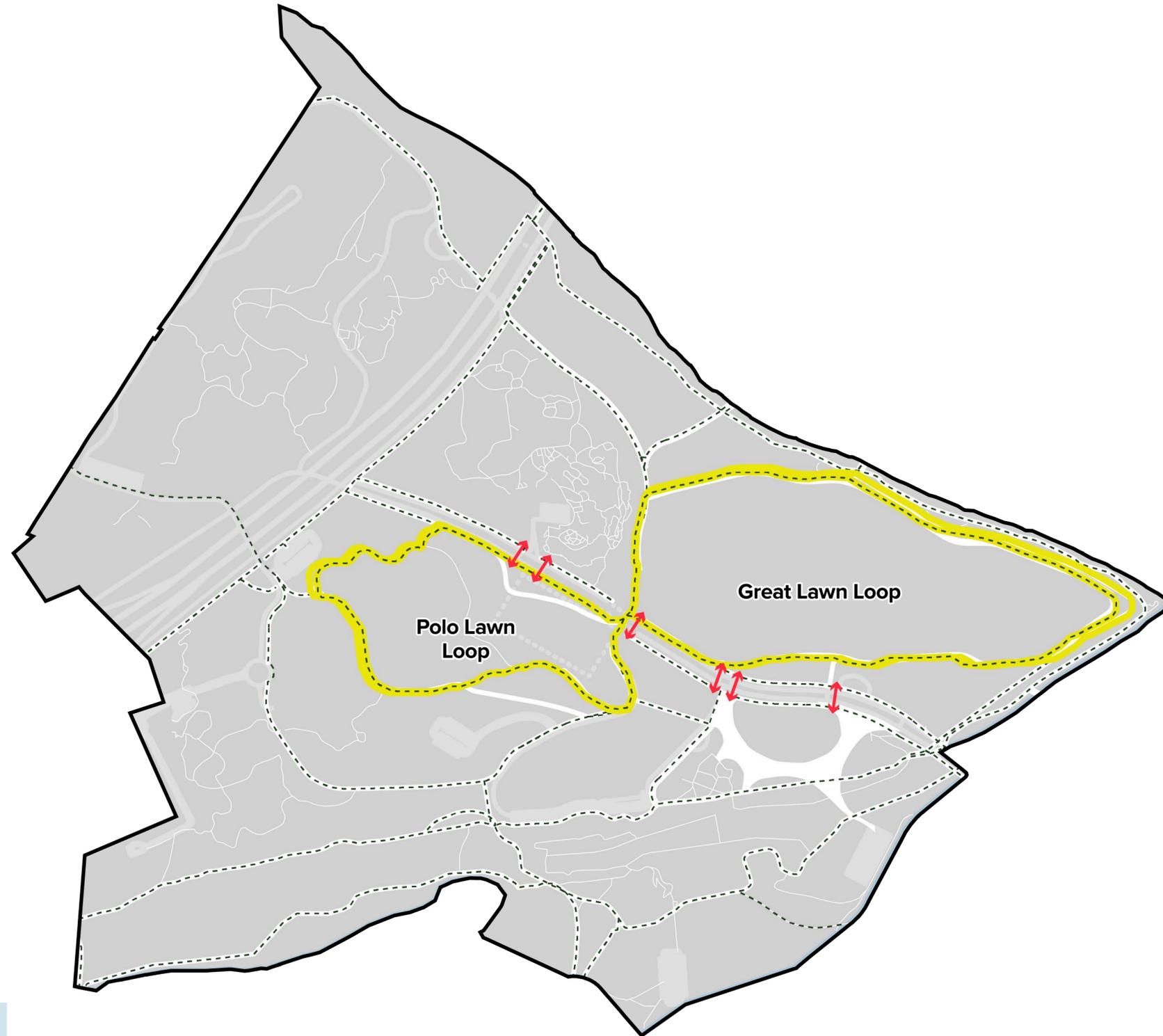
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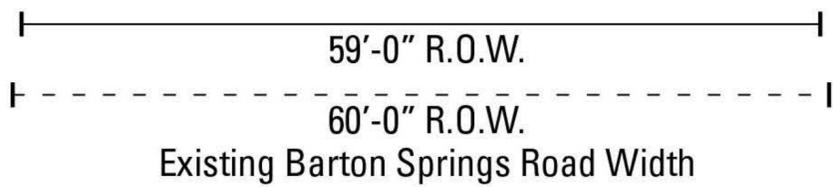
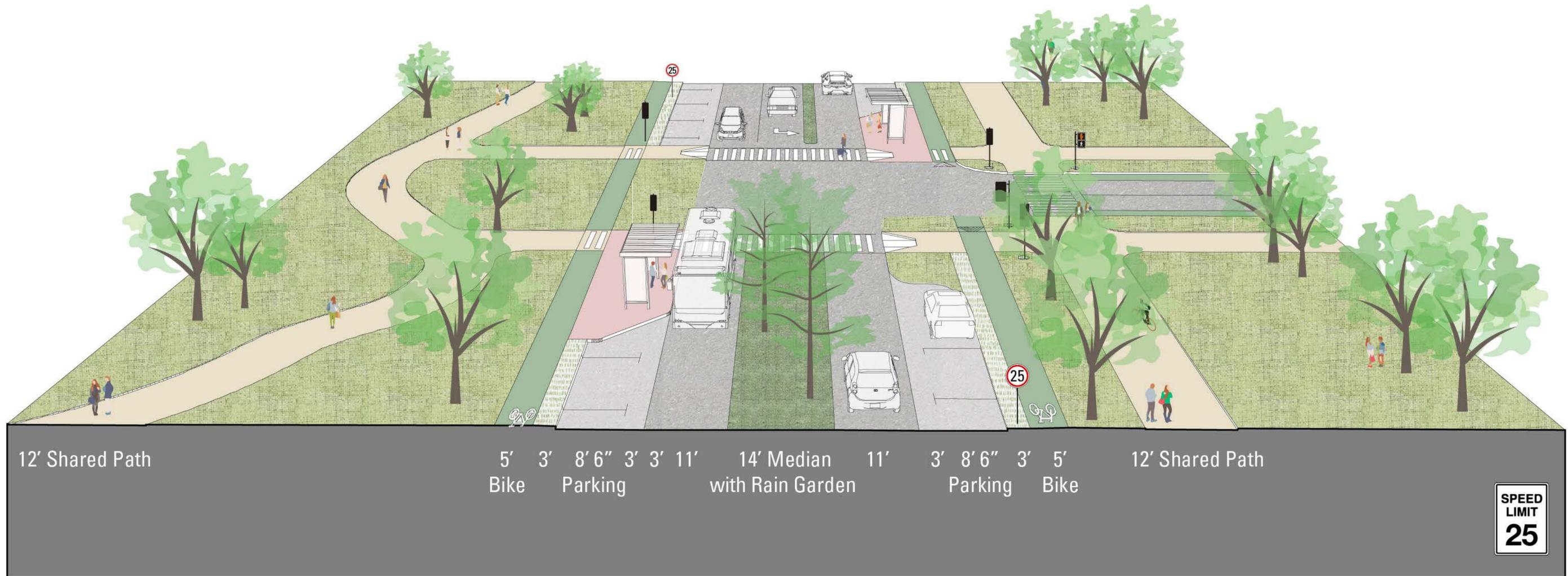


	EXISTING	PROPOSED
Trails	12.6 Miles	19.5 Miles

- Vehicular Network
- Loop Trail
- Pedestrian and Bike Network
- Pedestrian Crossing
- Major Pedestrian/Bike Trail
- Minor Pedestrian/Bike Trail

ACCESSIBILITY AND MOBILITY

BARTON SPRINGS ROAD CONFIGURATION



OVERALL PLAN



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FINANCE/IMPLEMENTATION

A grayscale photograph of a river scene. In the foreground, a wooden bridge with a lattice railing spans across the river. Several people are kayaking on the water below the bridge. The river is surrounded by dense trees and foliage on both banks. In the background, a city skyline is visible, including a building with a sign that says 'Moody Bank'. The text 'FINANCE/IMPLEMENTATION' is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font across the middle of the image.

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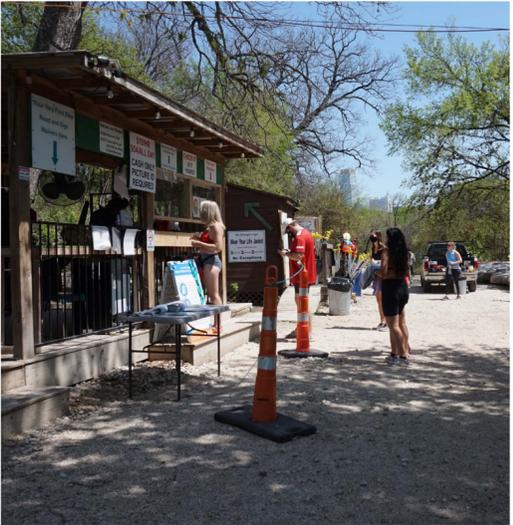
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IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS

ADMINISTRATION

ZILKER PARK NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

RECREATION FEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

ANNUAL BUDGET/ MAINTENANCE REVIEW

EDUCATION PROGRAM TO ZILKER PARK STAFF

INCLUSIVE HIRING

DIVERSE VENDORS AND OFFERINGS

ECOLOGICAL UPLIFT

DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

RESTORATION OF OLD ZILKER HILLSIDE AREA

INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL

RESTORATION OF LANDFILL AREA

MITIGATION OF EROSION ISSUES

RESTORATION OF POLO FIELD

TREE CANOPY ENHANCEMENT

ACCESSIBILITY

STRATFORD DR REALIGNMENT

ZILKER TRAILHEAD

WAYFINDING DESIGN

CANOPY WALK

REMOVAL OF SURFACE PARKING

UNDERGROUND PARKING GARAGE

FACILITY/PROGRAM

ENHANCEMENT OF EXISTING PLAYGROUND

PLAYGROUND ON THE LAND BRIDGE

NATURE PLAY

ADDITIONAL RESTROOMS

ADDITIONAL BRIDGES ALONG BARTON CREEK

CLOSING LOU NEFF ROAD

INTERNAL SHUTTLE

ADDITIONAL TRAILS

BARTON SPRINGS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

BARTON CREEK WATER ACCESS

NEW PICNIC AREA WITH CONCESSION

SPORTS AREA

LAND BRIDGE

CLOSING ANDREW ZILKER ROAD

PED/BIKE BRIDGE ON LBL

ZILKER EAGLE

PARKING GARAGE

NEW TRAILHEAD TO NATURE PRESERVE

SOUTH SIDE NEW PLAY AREAS

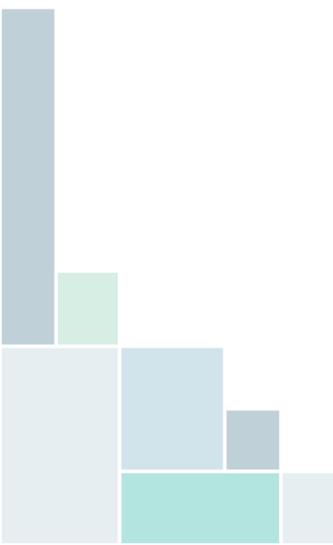
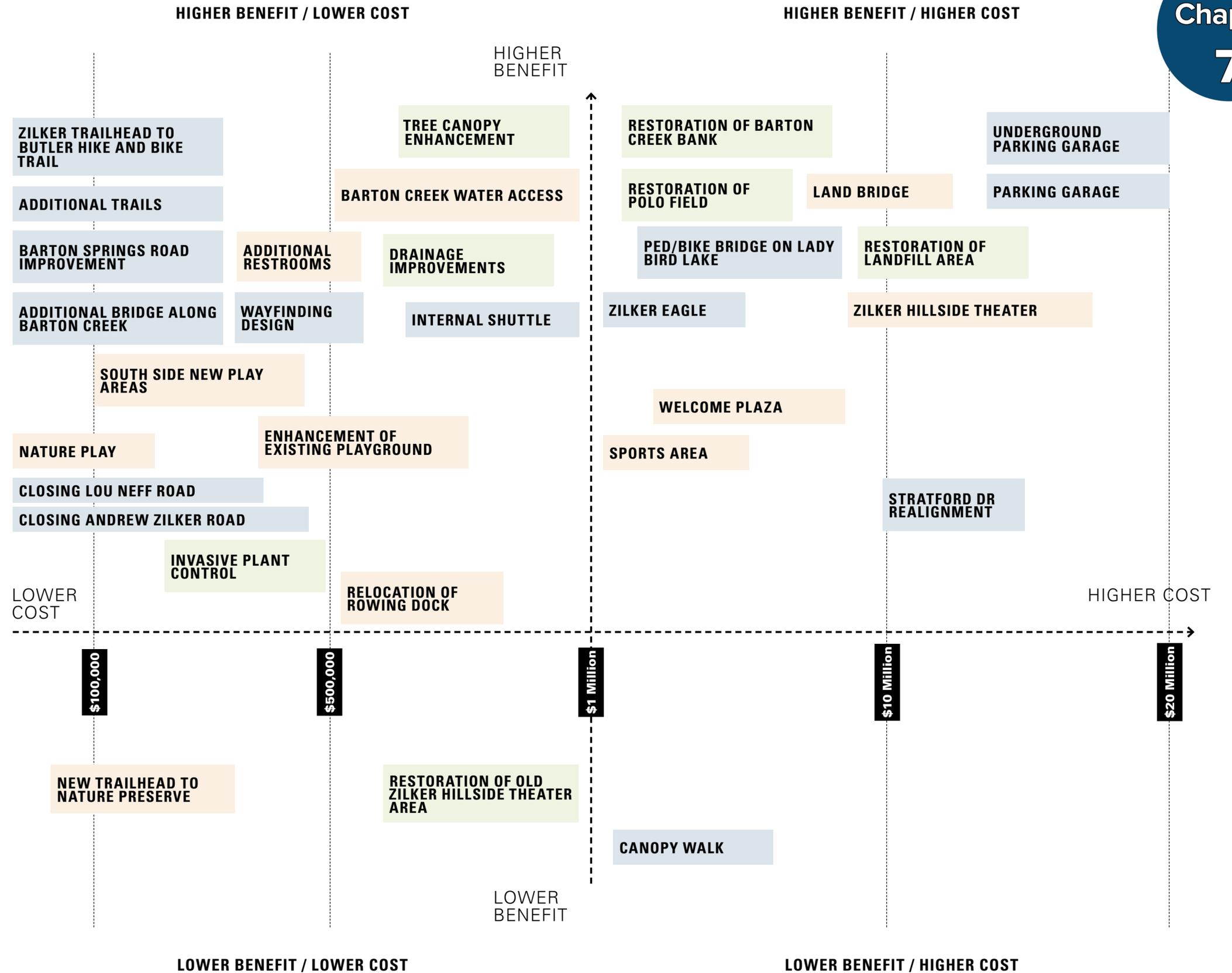
RELOCATION OF ROWING DOCK

WELCOME PLAZA

ZILKER HILLSIDE THEATER

IMPLEMENTATION

COST AND BENEFIT RELATION



IMPLEMENTATION

PROJECT TIMELINE

YEAR 1-3

ZILKER PARK NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION	DEPARTMENTAL PARTNERSHIPS
ESTABLISHING PARTNERSHIPS	BARTON SPRINGS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS
RESTORATION OF BARTON CREEK BANKS	BARTON CREEK WATER ACCESS
EXTERNAL SHUTTLE	INTERNAL SHUTTLE
ADDITIONAL RESTROOMS	CLOSING LOU NEFF ROAD
DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS	SOUTH SIDE NEW PLAYGROUNDS
WAYFINDING DESIGN	NATURE PLAY

NEAR TERM

LAND BRIDGE	ZILKER HILLSIDE THEATER
CLOSING ANDREW ZILKER ROAD	UNDERGROUND PARKING GARAGE
RESTORATION OF OLD ZILKER HILLSIDE THEATER AREA	RESTORATION OF POLO FIELD
ENHANCEMENT OF EXISTING PLAYGROUND	ADDITIONAL TRAILS

MID TERM

PARKING GARAGE(S)	NEW TRAILHEAD TO NATURE PRESERVE
RESTORATION OF LANDFILL AREA	PED/BIKE BRIDGE ON LADY BIRD LAKE
ADDITIONAL BRIDGE ALONG BARTON CREEK	WELCOME CENTER
WELCOME PLAZA	ZILKER EAGLE
ZILKER TRAILHEAD TO BUTLER HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL	

LONG TERM

SOUTH SIDE NEW WATER PLAY	RELOCATION OF ROWING DOCK
SPORTS AREA	CANOPY WALK
STRATFORD DR REALIGNMENT	

REMOVAL OF SURFACE PARKING

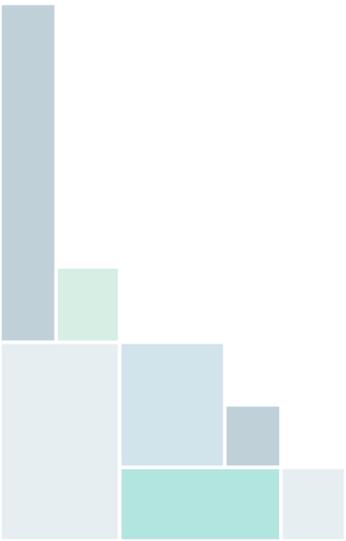
TREE CANOPY ENHANCEMENT

INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL



OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT

ZILKER PARK NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION WITH POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIP



OVERALL PLAN



DRAFT CONCEPT

COMBINED

DESIGNWORKSHOP

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